

Torrance, California
March 11, 1947

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, March 11, 1947, at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. ABSENT: Councilmen: Gilbert and Tolson.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Powell moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held February 25, 1947, and the minutes of a Protest Hearing held March 4, 1947, be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, 1339 Post Avenue, requesting approval for the improvement of Zamperini Field government buildings for veterans emergency housing under a contract with the Federal Public Housing Authority. The State will pay 90% of the cost for installing sanitary and cooking facilities, and putting the buildings in the proper repair as per building inspection requirements.

Mr. J. G. Caldwell, Director, orally stated that he has contacted several of the veterans organizations of Torrance and would be able to guarantee that the City will face no expense whatever in this project. The veterans are willing to contribute in order to furnish the remaining 10% of the cost. He advised that the F.P.H.A. would complete the transaction tomorrow morning, Wednesday, March 12, if granted the approval of the Council.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the matter be referred to the Council at a meeting with the Committee from the Veterans Service Center, which will take place directly after adjournment. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A Resolution, submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Torrance, was read in which the City was requested to return the ambulance they presented to the City during the war emergency; at which time they will place it on sale to the highest bidder. The monies received thereof will be used in Boy Scout and Public Service activities and to purchase a \$500.00 incubator for the care of premature babies at the Torrance Memorial Hospital, the Resolution stated.

Councilman Powell moved that this Resolution be referred to the Council as a whole for study and report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Arch Smith, 21413 Dolores Street, requesting approval for a Vendor's License to sell wrapped ice cream and bottled soft drinks. He advised that he has a Health Department Permit and his vehicle is properly constructed according to Health Department regulations.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be referred to the Chief of Police for recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Samuel Katz, Owner of the City Taxi Company, 1330 Cabrillo Avenue, and Sam LaGrasso, Owner of the Vet's Cab Company, 1311 Cabrillo Avenue, requesting permission to operate jointly, with both telephones and a 24-hour dispatcher at 1330 Cabrillo Avenue. They feel that they can give the public better service in this manner.

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Chief of Police, John H. Stroh, told the Council that he could see no reason for opposition to this arrangement and recommended that permission be granted.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Messrs. Katz and LaGrasso to operate jointly be granted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Arthur Taylor of Taylor and Taylor, Engineers, 725 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, submitting Plans and Specifications for Municipal Water District No. 1 and recommending that they be adopted by the Council. He also recommended that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids on construction work, and that he and Mr. W. H. Stanger, Water Superintendent, be authorized to sign the State and County Highway encroachment permits which he has enclosed.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Plans and Specifications for Municipal Water District No. 1 be approved and adopted; that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to advertise for bids; and that Clerk Bartlett and Mr. Stanger be authorized to execute the above permits. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

A communication was read from the Automobile Club of Southern California, Sign Posting Department, recommending that the Masonite stop sign on Crenshaw Boulevard at the north approach to 190th Street be replaced as it is badly defaced. Chief of Police John Stroh's recommendation to purchase the sign was added to the bottom of the letter.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendation of the Chief of Police to replace the stop sign be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

A communication was read from the WALTERIA Civic Organization protesting against the proposed move to incorporate all surrounding mail service into the Torrance Post Office. The letter stated that the people of WALTERIA are entirely satisfied with their mail service and wish no change whatever.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this matter be referred to the Council as a whole for further study and report at a subsequent meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Southern California Edison Company, stating that the amount arising from the use, operation or possession of their Franchise granted by Ordinance No. 204 of the City of Torrance is \$1,976.88. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Department of the County Public Library, 322 South Broadway, Los Angeles, submitting the tentative budget for the Torrance Branch Library, covering the 1947-48 fiscal year. The report showed that the Required Income under Contract is \$7,980.10 and the Total Estimated Expenditures match this amount. However, the letter stated, it is likely that the County salaries will be increased effective July 1, 1947, the extent of which is not known at this time. When the figures are released, the information will be passed on to the City Clerk. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Mr. W. H. Stanger, Supervisor of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, and the Municipal Water District No. 1 of WALTERIA, advising that a supervisor be appointed to Municipal Water District No. 2 of North Torrance; and requesting that a sum of about \$2,000.00 be set aside from the bond fund for the purchase of materials for house connections, such as meters and fittings, so there will be no delay in delivery of said materials.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Mr. W. H. Stanger be appointed as Superintendent of Municipal Water District No. 2 of North Torrance, and that \$2,000.00 be set aside from the bond fund as per his request. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by

the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

A communication was read from the 20-30 Club inviting the Mayor and the members of the City Council and their wives to a dinner meeting to be held at the Lone Pine Inn, corner of Main and Sepulveda Streets, on Wednesday, March 19, 1947, at 7:00 p.m., for the presentation of a trophy by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association to the City of Torrance for its float, which was awarded second place in its class in this years Tournament of Roses Parade.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, with reference to the proposed South Torrance Sewer District, stating that a check of the assessable frontages protested at the Public Hearing on March 4, 1947, resulted in the following report: Protests - 59.65%. Approvals - 36.01%. No Ownership Records - 4.34%. He advised that the City has already spent between \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00 on this project and that it would be wise to include those portions who did not protest in the District, exclude those who did protest and continue with plans for the trunk lines. He stated that he would endeavor to have his complete report on both the South Torrance and the Walteria District plans for the next regular meeting.

Councilman Jackson moved that the recommendations of Mr. Jain be concurred in. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jain offered an oral report on the Walteria District, stating that the assessable frontages protested at the Public Hearing on March 4, 1947, resulted in the following: Protests - 6.77%. Approvals - 70.93%. Address Unknown - 22.30%.

Clerk Bartlett reported receipt of three (3) protest petitions against the Walteria Sewer District, bearing a total of fifty-six (56) signatures.

Mr. James Polston, 23851 Park Street, Walteria, protested against the proposed Walteria Sewer District, giving the legal description of his property as: Subdivision of Lot 29, Block D; Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Meadow Park Tract.

Mrs. Mary Andre, 2425 - 227th Street, protested against the proposed South Torrance Sewer District, giving the legal description of her property as: Lot 20, Tract No. 639.

A communication was read from the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, giving a report and making recommendations as a result of the resurvey of the City of Torrance as requested on November 13, 1946.

Councilman Powell moved that this communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A statement was read from the Engineering Offices of Taylor and Taylor, 725 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, advising that a payment of \$6,525.00 is now due, comprising 75% of the total expense for their services as Consulting Engineers on the Municipal Water District No. 1 project.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$6,525.00 be made for the payment of this bill. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 1826

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF PARK STREET FROM NEWTON STREET, 750 FEET SOUTH, HAWTHORNE AVENUE BETWEEN PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND 240TH STREET, NEECE AVENUE FROM 242ND STREET TO SOUTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 16 OF MEADOW PARK TRACT, OCEAN AVENUE, NEWTON STREET, 240TH STREET, PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, 242ND STREET, ALL ALLEYS BETWEEN MADISON STREET AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE FROM NEWTON STREET TO 234TH STREET, THE ALLEYS BETWEEN HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND OCEAN AVENUE FROM NEWTON STREET TO 242ND STREET, THE ALLEYS SURROUNDED BY OCEAN AVENUE, NEWTON STREET AND 242ND STREET, THE PROPERTY BETWEEN BLUFF STREET AND NEWTON STREET IN TRACT NO. 8202, AND THE PROPERTY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 16, MEADOW PARK TRACT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, IS REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; DENYING PROTESTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT; FINDING THAT THE LIMITATIONS UPON THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS, AS IMPOSED BY PART 5 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO THE ASSESSMENTS OR ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE DISREGARDED; AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1826 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1826 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

A communication was read from Mr. W. H. Stanger, Water Superintendent, requesting an authorization for the employment of a full-time Bookkeeper-Cashier-Stenographer, to replace the part-time clerk in the Water Department. He stated that the salary will depend on whether a new employee is hired or a transfer from another department is made, and that he would like the position filled by April 1, 1947, if possible.

Councilman Jackson moved that this communication be referred to the Civil Service Board for approval and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A Petition, bearing 273 signatures, was presented requesting that lights be installed for night ball games at the newly constructed Fern Avenue Park, which is on the bounds of Sonoma, Eldorado, Fern and Greenwood Avenues.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to the Council as a whole for further study. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1827

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING F.H.A. APPROVAL OF THE SUBDIVISION AT CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND 190TH STREET; AND OF THE SUBDIVISION AT ARLINGTON AVENUE AND 190TH STREET.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1827 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1827 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

A Statement in the amount of \$3046.59 was read from the Torrance Herald for furnishing supplies for the coming bond election on March 18, 1947.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council appropriate \$3046.59 for the payment of this bill. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, stating that the Board has approved a request from Chief of Police John Stroh, for the establishment of two new classifications in the Police Department, as follows:

Desk Officer	- Salary \$255.00 a month
Detective	- Salary \$275.00 a month

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Chief of Police. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, advising that the Board has approved a request from Mr. Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, to establish the classification of "Engineering Aid III" (Instrument Man) for the position at present being filled by Mr. Lee Welpton, at a salary of \$250.00 per month.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Board. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, calling attention to the fact that the resignation of John McCall as City Attorney has created a vacancy on the Commission, and recommending that the Council appoint someone to take his place, preferably a Councilmember or other City official.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the matter be referred to the Council as a whole for further study and report at a subsequent meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, advising that the Commission has approved the Final Map of Tract No. 14016, (Kettler Knolls), subject to the conditions that (a) the necessary additional minor corrections required by the City Engineer be made, and (b) a bond sufficient to cover the required street improvements, as estimated by the City Engineer for curbs, gutters, sidewalks and grading and paving, be deposited before the recordation of said map.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Councilman Powell seconded the motion. After a recommendation by Mayor Sherfey, Councilman Powell withdrew his second to the motion. Councilman Jackson advised that his above motion would include that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Final Map of Tract No. 14016. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, stating that the Commission has approved the Final Map of Tract No. 14232, (Torrance Manor), subject to the conditions that (a) the necessary additional minor corrections required by the City Engineer be made, and (b) a bond sufficient to cover the required street improvements, as estimated by the City Engineer for curbs, gutters, sidewalks and grading and paving, be deposited before the recordation of said map.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission, and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Final Map of Tract No. 14232. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, advising that the Commission has approved the

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Final Map of Tract No. 14571, subject to the conditions that (a) the necessary additional minor corrections required by the City Engineer be made, and (b) a bond sufficient to cover the required street improvements, as estimated by the City Engineer for curbs, gutters, sidewalks and grading and paving, be deposited before the recordation of said map.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission, and that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Final Map of Tract No. 14571. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, Secretary of the Planning Commission, in which the Council was requested to take legal action on the illegal use and operation by Mr. Finch of a public garage and automobile repair shop at the northeast corner of Carson Street and Manuel Avenue, Lot 9, Block 24, Torrance Tract, regardless of the fact that a Variance was denied him on October 31, 1946, Case No. 57, due largely to the protests of twenty property owners within the vicinity.

Councilman Jackson moved that this communication be referred to the City Attorney and the Chief of Police for proper action. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1828

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE WALTERIA DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1828 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1828 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council authorize the appointment of Jesse W. Holmes and Mervyn H. Porter as Patrolmen on the Police Department, effective March 16, 1947, at a salary of \$220.00, as they have served their probationary periods. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council authorize the increase in salary of Carmel Cook to \$230.00, effective March 1, 1947, and Larry L. Benton to \$230.00, effective March 16, 1947, as they have served one year as Patrolmen with the Police Department. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Councilman Powell read a communication from J. E. McMaster, Fire Chief, advising that thirteen of the regular Fire Department employees have volunteered to answer all calls by siren or telephone on their days off, at \$3.00 for the first hour and \$1.25 per hour thereafter. He stated that this will do away with the system of having callmen at the main station and will be to the best interests of the taxpayer and the City as a better fire-fighting setup. A letter, signed by the thirteen volunteers, was also read.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Fire Chief. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council authorize the promotion of Mr. Casper Clemmer (Park Maintenance Man) to the position of "Senior Park Maintenance Man" at the established salary of \$225.00 per month, effective March 1, 1947. He has recently passed the promotional examination for this position. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council appropriate \$68.38 for the replacement of broken glass in the Civic Auditorium. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$149.22 be made to the American Bitumuls Company, to cover the purchase of 1903 gallons of bitumuls for use by the Street Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$75.31, plus tax, be made for a 10" diamond edge saw blade for the Street Department concrete cutting machine, for replacement. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$103.66, plus tax, be made for plant-mix materials for repair work on Carson Street, west of Cabrillo Avenue. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$423.32 be made for the purchase of materials for Municipal Water District No. 1 as per the request of Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Mayor Sherfey moved that an appropriation of \$600.00 be made to the Chamber of Commerce for advertising and promotion expense for the month of March, 1947. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jackson moved that Mrs. Lupe Molinar, 2307 Border Avenue, be granted a license to sell cooked food from her home, with permission to pay half of the years' license fee every six months. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

No report was made on the bid of \$1225.00 by the Mayfair Creamery for the City's International Half Ton Truck.

Councilman Jackson moved that the request of Mrs. Mary Merino, 10903 Hawthorne Boulevard, Inglewood, for a license to practice Phrenology in the 1600 Block on Cabrillo, be denied. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Daniel Frohman's request for a temporary (3 months') permit to drive a taxicab in Torrance be denied, in concurrence with the recommendation of Police Chief John Stroh. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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Mr. Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, asked the Council to authorize the Engineering Department to hire additional men for the field survey work in connection with the proposed WALTERIA Sewer District, salaries to be paid from the assessments. He stated that additional personnel of about three men will be needed, that the survey work will require possibly two to three months and that in the meantime plans and specifications will be drawn up so that the second hearing may be held sometime in June or July.

Councilman Jackson moved that the City Engineer be authorized to hire the necessary personnel to aid in proceeding with the work in connection with the proposed WALTERIA Sewer District. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

Otto B. Willett, City Attorney, reported that he has studied the application of Standard Gas Company for a pipeline franchise, and that the franchise has been redrafted. He requested that further discussion of the matter be held at an early date in order to decide on the proper fee to be charged.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this matter be taken under submission by the Council for a week or so, and that they meet with Mr. Willett at an early date for further discussion. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Albert Isen, Attorney-at-Law and candidate for the Board of Education, asked the Council to rescind the appropriation of \$6,000.00 ~~made~~ made on February 25, 1947 for payment in settlement of the condemnation suit against Fern Avenue Park. He stated that he could see no legal reason for the City to feel obligated to pay this amount.

City Attorney Willett stated that this matter has proceeded to a point where nothing can be done until it is known for sure whether or not the City will obtain a clear title to the property. He stated that the City Attorney's office will do nothing further except by the Council's authorization. The \$6,000.00, he stated, has not been spent, and will not be until the title has been investigated. He recommended that the Council let the matter "ride" for a few weeks longer until we find out what happens in the Superior Court.

Mr. M. I. Slater, 2115 Chariette, Rosemead, addressed the Council with the request that the license fee of \$5.00 per machine for vending machine operators be reconsidered and the license ordinance amended. He stated that his company serves cities all over Los Angeles County and the South Bay Cities area, and that cities in which the fee was higher than he was able to meet, lowered the fees to a more reasonable amount by amendment to their ordinances.

Mayor Sherfey suggested that Mr. Willett, City Attorney, arrange a meeting with Mr. Slater at an early date for discussion of this problem and report back to the Council at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. William Mason, Vice-President of the Hollywood Riviera Home-owners Association, advised the Council that, at a meeting of the Association held recently, the proposal of the City to incorporate all of the outlying districts' mail service into the Torrance Post Office was unanimously voted against. He stated that all of Hollywood Riviera is served by the Redondo Post Office, that they get their mail promptly under the present setup, and that probably there would be several days delay in mail service if handled by the Torrance Post Office.

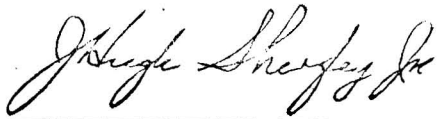
Mr. Evar Jansson, 24459 Ward Street, WALTERIA, advised the Council that the people of WALTERIA made up a Resolution, bearing 150 to 250 signatures, which is being sent to Representative King, requesting no change in their mail service.

Councilman Powell moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert and Tolson.

At 9:37 p.m., upon motion by Mayor Sherfey, seconded by Councilman Powell, the meeting adjourned to March 19, 1947 for the purpose of canvassing absentee ballots from the March 18, 1947 election, and any other business that comes before the Board.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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